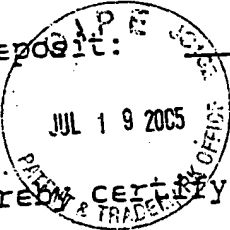


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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 23, 2005, please amend this application  
as follows:

The **Amendment to the Specification** is on page 2.

The **claims** are amended on pages 3 to 4.

The **Remarks** begin on page 5.